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TAGS PREL, PARM, MNUC, PGOV, KN, IR, CH  
SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY BURNS MEETING WITH CCID DIRECTOR  
WANG JIARUI ON IRAN, NORTH KOREA

Classified By: Political Minster Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

Summary

1. (C) Under Secretary Burns met with Director of the Chinese Communist Party's Central Committee International Liaison Department (CCID) Wang  
2. (C) Wang praised U.S. policy on Iran, calling it a "practical" approach. He said China was in agreement with the United States "in principle"  
China Pleased With Bosworth Visit to DPRK

3. (C) Asked his views on the North Korea nuclear situation, CCID Director Wang stated that China was very pleased that Ambassador Bosworth was  
4. (C) The North needed a breakthrough in its relations with the United States, Wang asserted, both because of its domestic situation and the  
5. (C) Wang reiterated China's long-standing position that the key objective at this stage was to prevent the situation on the Korean peninsula from  
escalating.

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with North Korea's economic development. This was contingent upon a change in North Korean behavior and an eventual North Korean pledge to the  
Unified U.S.-China Effort Needed on Iran

6. (C) U/S Burns emphasized that the nuclear weapons challenge in Iran required a similarly unified U.S.-China and international effort. The U.S.  
Wang Pledges Chinese Support...

7. (C) Wang had high praise for U.S. efforts in the Middle East in general and the approach to Iran in particular, stating that China viewed U.S.  
...But Urges Continued Diplomacy

8. (C) Wang pressed U/S Burns for details on when the limits of U.S. patience might be exhausted and counseled further efforts to find a diplomatic  
North Korea and Iran Similarities

9. (C) Wang also claimed similarities between the North Korea and Iran nuclear issues. The solution in both cases was to persist over the long  
term.

10. (C) Wang asked U/S Burns for his views on who made final decisions in Iran, President Ahmadinejad or Supreme Leader  
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Khamenei. He said it would be very helpful to China if the decision-making process in Iran could be sorted out. Wang appeared to agree with the  
U.S. position.

11. (C) U/S Burns responded that the United States had made very clear its willingness for direct diplomacy, but that it took both sides to make  
U.S.-China Cooperation

12. (C) Wang said China would continue to make its own efforts on the issue but China was willing to do more to cooperate with the United States  
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